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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

HAIQI CHEN,

Plaintiff,

v.

United States Citizenship and Immigration
 Services ("USCIS"); Department of Homeland
 Security ("DHS"); Department of Justice
 ("DOJ"); Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"),

Defendants.

No. C 07-2462 SC

**PARTIES' JOINT REQUEST TO BE
 EXEMPT FROM FORMAL ADR
 PROCESS**

Each of the undersigned certifies that he or she has read either the handbook entitled "Dispute Resolution Procedures in the Northern District of California," or the specified portions of the ADR Unit's Internet site <www.adr.cand.uscourts.gov>, discussed the available dispute resolution options provided by the court and private entities, and considered whether this case might benefit from any of them. Here, the parties agree that referral to a formal ADR process will not be beneficial because this mandamus action is limited to plaintiff's request that this Court compel defendants to adjudicate the application for adjustment of status. Given the substance of the action and the lack of any potential middle ground, ADR will only serve to multiply the proceedings and unnecessarily tax court resources. Accordingly, pursuant to ADR L.R. 3-3(c), the parties request the case be removed from the ADR Multi-Option Program and that they be excused from

1 participating in the ADR phone conference and any further formal ADR process.

2 Dated: July 25, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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6 /s/
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10 Dated: July 25, 2007

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12 /s/
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15 **ORDER**

16 Pursuant to stipulation and to ADR L. R. 3-3(c), the parties are hereby removed from the ADR
17 Multi-Option Program and are excused from participating in the ADR phone conference and any
18 further formal ADR process.

19 **SO ORDERED.**

20 Dated:

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22 SAMUEL CONTI
23 United States District Judge
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